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Tax Commission executive director, Rod Marrelli, dies

Rod Marrelli, executive director of the Utah State Tax Commission for nearly 17 years, passed away Saturday, Oct. 30.

"We are saddened by the loss of Rod and express our deepest sympathies to his family," said Bruce Johnson, chair of the 4-member Utah State Tax Commission. "He was a dedicated public servant and a strong leader who demonstrated integrity and professionalism in every decision he made."

As executive director, Mr. Marrelli managed the day-to-day operations of the Tax Commission and its 750 employees.

"He vigorously pursued support of sound tax policy, modernization of tax systems, improved communication and compliance with Utah citizens," Mr. Johnson added.

Under his leadership the Utah State Tax Commission became nationally recognized for its successful transition to modern computer tax systems and on-line taxpayer options.

"Rod dedicated his professional life to serving the people of the State of Utah," Mr. Johnson said. "We all admired Rod's determination to fulfill his responsibilities while facing extremely difficult personal challenges."

Mr. Marrelli assumed leadership of the Tax Commission in January of 1994. A certified public accountant, Mr. Marrelli previously served as president of finance and administration for the multi-media Standard Corporation. At the time, Standard was the parent company of the *Ogden Standard Examiner*, KUTV Channel 2, KALL Radio and other media holdings.

From 1980 to 1986, Mr. Marrelli was controller for Intermountain Power Agency, and also worked for the private accounting firms KPMG and Arthur Andersen & Company. He graduated cum laude from the University of Utah with a degree in accounting.

Details of the funeral are pending.